

REMARKS

Co-Pending Applications

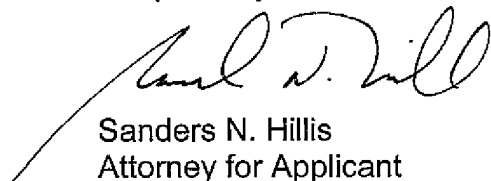
To fully comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants and Applicants' attorney hereby disclose the existence of the following related and commonly owned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/519,223

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/284,803

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to review the claims and the prosecution history, including any Office Actions issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, for these applications, since the specification of these applications (U.S. Patent Application No. 10/519,223 and U.S. Patent Application No. 11/284,803) and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/519,252 (the present application) include common subject matter.

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